
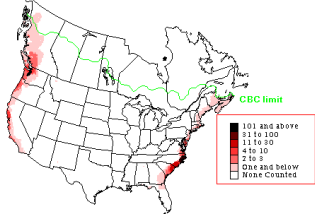


Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*

Adult basic		Summer range map	Winter range map
	Not Available	Not Available	

Migration Status	Breeding Habitat	Nest Location	Nest Type	Clutch Size	Incubation	Fledge	Number of Broods	Diet
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	24-29 days	49-51	1	Fish, Aquatic Invertebrates, Reptiles or Amphibians, Insects

<p>Identification Tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Length: 17 inches Wingspan: 44 inches Sexes similar Immature like basic-plumaged adult, but with less well-defined face pattern Dark bill Large diving bird with long body that rides low in the water Thin bill is angled upwards at tip and is held above the horizontal Feet set far back on body, and trail behind body in flight Upperwings wholly dark in flight <p>Adult alternate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gray head, chin, and side of neck Red throat and striped nape White chest and belly Dark back <p>Adult basic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gray cap, forehead, nape, and back White chin, throat, face, and belly Gray nape not contrasting with white throat Dark back speckled strongly with white 	<p>Similar species: Cormorants have hooked bills. Western, Clark's, and Red-necked grebes have thinner variably yellow bills and show white in the wings in flight. Other species of loons can be quite similar in appearance. In alternate plumage the paler gray head differentiates it from the darker-headed Common and Yellow-billed loons while the red throat separates it from the Pacific Loon. In basic plumage it has much less contrast between the dark nape and white throat than the Pacific Loon, lacks the jagged border present on the Common Loon, and lacks the dark auricular of the Yellow-billed Loon. In all plumages the thin, upturned bill separates it from Pacific and Common loons while the bill is darker and smaller than that of the Yellow-billed Loon.</p> <p>Credits:</p> <p>Citation:</p> <p>Gough, G.A., Sauer, J.R., Iliff, M. <i>Patuxent Bird Identification Infocenter</i> 1998. Version 97.1. Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD. http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/Infocenter/infocenter.html</p> <p>Length and wingspan from:</p> <p>Robbins, C.S., Bruun, B., Zim, H.S., (1966). <i>Birds of North America</i>. New York: Western Publishing Company, Inc.</p> <p>Clutch size, fledging, brood, and incubation information from:</p> <p>Ehrlich, P., Dobkin, D., and Wheye, D. (1988). <i>The Birder's Handbook: A Field Guide to the Natural History of North American Birds</i>. New York. Simon and Schuster Inc.</p>
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